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Title: METAL STRUCTURE COMPATIBLE WITH MRI IMAGING, AND METHOD OF

MANUFACTURING SUCH A STRUCTURE

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 10, 2008, for which a response was due December 10, 2008. Attached hereto is a petition for two-month extension of time to extend the deadline for response from December 10, 2008 to February 10, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.